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1. EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHES JULY 8 WITH OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DUTCH INTER-DEPARTMENTAL GROUP HAD NOT FOCUSED ON PROBLEM UNTIL WE BROUGHT IT TO THEIR ATTENTION SINCE REGIONAL CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WAS NOT ON FAO COUNCIL AGENDA.
2. BERTELING (MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE) ASSURES US THAT DUTCH DELEGATION, WHICH IS TO BE HEADED BY NEW PERM REP IN ROME, DE BAKKER, WILL BE FULLY INSTRUCTED ON ISSUE AND PREPARE WORK CLOSELY WITH US DELEGATION IN SEEKING POSTPONEMENT IF THE ISSUE IS RAISED. BERTELING SAID THAT, IN ADDITION TO AGREEING WITH POINTS IN PARA 4 OF THE REFTEL, DUTCH WOULD WANT TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN LA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEHALF OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. GROENEVELT OF MIN AG HAS ALSO CONFIRMED DUTCH POSITION. DUTCH ARE INFORMED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO WANTS TO AVOID TOPIC AND TO STICK TO AGENDA.

3. PRIOR TO LIMA SESSION OF LA CONFERENCE, DUTCH DELEGATION

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TION TOLD "TO ACT LIKE AN OBSERVER" EVEN THOUGH GON HOLDS

FULL MEMBERSHIP. DESPITE POLICY OF NOT EXERCISING RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP, GON IS NOT PREPARED TO GIVE IT UP, ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES SHOWS LITTLE INTEREST BECAUSE OF RELATIVE LACK OF AGRICULTURE IN ISLANDS.

4. IN ADDITION TO DELEGATION HEAD, DE BAKKER, GON WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES IN ROME FROM MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MFA OFFICIAL , FELIX RHODIUS, IS FULLY BRIEFED ON SUBJECT, AS WILL BE AG REP AND BOTH SHOULD BE HELPFUL TO US DELEGATION.
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